from the exchange. Payments have been received for installation of 977 connections. These could not be installed so far as the subscribers are still in the process of constructing their sheds and godowns.

The Maharahtra Government is pressing the prospective merchants to shift to New Bombay and have prohibited iron and steel entering Bombay from 1-1-1987. It is now expected that they will be shfting shortly and the capacity of the exchange will be utilised.

3,000 lines containerised electronic exchange at Thurbe.

The exchange supply was completed in October, 1986 after which the installation has been taken up. Originally, this exchange was allotted for Belapur. Considering the demands both of Vashi and Belapur, it was decided that the exchange be installed at Thurbe which is mid-way between Belapur and Vashi to cater to the demands of Vashi Belapur and Thurbe.

The exchange is in the final stage of installation and is expected to be commissioned in March, 1987. The project cost of the exchange is Rs. 3,79,86,000/-. It is expected that the capacity of the exchange will be fully utilised within a short time of its commissioning, as there is adequate waiting list to fill up this exchange.

Teacher's Strike in Delhi Schools

*117. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several teachers of the Government and Government aided schools in Delhi have been on strike;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) the time since they are agitating; and

(d) what steps have been taken to meet their demands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The teachers working in the schools run by Delhi Administration and Municipal Corporation of Delhi have been agitating since 13-2-1987 for restoration of Selection Grade and for grant of higher pay scales based on the recommendations of National. Commission on Teachers-I. The Government is considering further improvements in emoluments to teachers and a decision in this matter is expected shortly.

Adulteration of food stuffs and edible oils

*118. SHRI SHARAD YADAV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an alarming rise in the adulteration of foodstuffs and edible oils posing serious health hazards to the consumers;

(b) if so, what, according to the study, if any, conducted by Government are the major items of foodstuffs and essential commodities which are commonly adulterated by the traders/manufacturers;

(c) what is the number of samples of foodstuffs and other essential commodities collected during the year 1986 in various parts of the country and what percentage of the samples collected were found to be adulterated; and

(d) what according to the review are the deficiences in the working of the law enforcing machinery and

the measures have been taken to remove these deficiencies to check the growing menace of adulteration of foodstuffs and essential commodities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No alarming rise has been noted in the adulteration of foodstuffs as per the information available.

(b) The major items of foodstuffs being adulterated by the traders| manufacturers are milk and milk products, spices, beverages; oils and vanaspati, according to the periodical reports received from State Governments.

(c) As per the data received so far from various States|U.Ts, 101620 samples of food articles were collected and out of 101881 Samples (inclusive of carried forward samples of 1985) analysed during 1986, 10.8 per cent of samples have been found adulterated.

(d) The State Prevention of Food Adulteration Enforcement Authorities have been advise to strengthen its infrastructure of Enforcement machinery, set up a separate Directorate|Cell of P.F.A. and to draw more food samples especially at the manufacture and distribution level.

Manufacture of 5000 HP Electric locomotives by Chittaranjan Locomotive works

*119. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chitranjan Locomotive Works was not in a position to manufacture 5000 H.P. electric locos by mid 1986 as planned by it; if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Railway Board had given its permission for it, if not the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the proposal to introduce 6000 H.P. electric locomotive would take shape?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) electric locomotives being manufactured at Chittaranjan Locomotive Works at present are of 3900 H.P.

18 prototype electric locomotives of three types of 6000 H.P. each have already been ordered and are expected to be received in 1988. Thereafter tests & service trials for evaluation & selection of the most suitable type will be conducted.

As far as the development of another family of electric locomotives with an intermediate horsepower is concerned the broad conceptual frame work for a 5000 H.P. electric locomotive had been suggested by Chittaranjan Locomotive Works but this concept has not been concretised to the extent of final detailed design drawings or of inclusion in Chittranjan Locomotive Works' production plan. The technical implications of such steps are constantly under review in the light of the latest development in technology and the time frame involved in the materialisation of the various options.

World Yoga Conference

*120. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that World Yoga Conference was recently held in Delhi;

(b) whether Government have received any suggestions for inclusion of Yoga instructions in the curriculum for schools and colleges;